

During the many services I attended on Memorial Day, I especially remembered the service of Drury W. Shoemaker to our Country and the love he showed for his family and fellow Marines.

Mr. Speaker, this Nation would be a much better place if there were more people here like Drury Shoemaker. His loving widow, Hazel, composed a wonderful prayer, especially timely as we remember those who have paid the ultimate price and at a time when we dedicate a wonderful new memorial to those who served in World War II. I would like to call this special prayer to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

Dear Lord and Creator: As America is preparing to dedicate the World War II Memorial in Washington, at a time our Nation is again involved in a war, Lord, my plea to you this day is that through your wisdom and power you will help the people of America truly understand what freedom has cost us.

From Flanders Field to Arlington, from Iwo Jima to Hiroshima, all across Europe (the world really), our loved ones have paid the price in full, Dear Lord, either with their living until death takes them in conditions almost unbearable for them and the ones caring for them. Our veterans are dying by the thousands every day Lord, and the pain and loneliness only you know and understand. Tears, Lord, that seem to have no end. Long days and worse nights, torment that never goes away. Lord, please stand by the widows and the little ones who cannot understand where their Papaw has gone, they just cry themselves to sleep and ask why. God, please help us to endure, because that's all we can do, just endure until we are again with the ones we love.

In your mercy and love please protect my President and the men and women who are truly trying to bring this war to an end. Give them wisdom and courage and strength.

The Memorial is beautiful Lord, but only you can know that the heartbreak the ones left behind endure is not pretty, it's awful and never ending.

God, please, I pray again, stay close by our little ones who just can't understand loss.

Help us, Lord, as a Nation to stand firm and faithful and every day thank you for your Love and Protection.

Thank you Lord for listening. Amen.

MRS. DRURY W. SHOEMAKER.

TRIBUTE TO ERICA BATTLE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to South Carolina's golfing "phenom" Erica Battle, a young lady who seems to be poised to make a big splash in the golf world in the not-to-distant future.

Just last week, this 19-year-old Irmo, South Carolina native, won the Sonic Women's City of Columbia Championship held at the Forrest Lake Country Club. She stayed focused through a rainy second day at the tournament to break the course record with a score of 4-under par 68. After the 3 day tournament, she emerged with a 2-over-par 218, and bested the second place finisher by five strokes.

Attaining such an accomplishment as a college junior is not unusual for this golf standout. As a high school player, Erica was named

South Carolina's Female Athlete of the Year by The State newspaper and won the Beth Daniel Player of the Year award from the South Carolina Junior Golf Association. She qualified for the United States Amateur in 2002, won the 4A State Girl individual title in 2000, and led her Irmo High School golf team to three state championships.

She is also dedicated to help with charitable causes. Last August, Erica participated in the 13th annual Rudolph Canzater Memorial Classic that I host annually in Santee, South Carolina. Last year's tournament contributed \$21,000 in college scholarships for 22 needy students, and \$25,000 to an Endowment I have established at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. I played in the foursome with Erica on the first day of that two-day event, and got to see first hand the poise and maturity she has developed in the few years since she was my primary source for Girl Scout cookies.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and your colleagues to join me in celebrating the most recent success of Erica Battle, and in encouraging her to continue setting goals and records. Her success is a shining example to those who will follow in her footsteps.

IN MEMORY OF DR. LAWRENCE A. DAVIS, SR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a devoted and well-respected Arkansan, Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, Sr. Known as Prexy to close family and friends, Dr. Davis passed away on Saturday, June 5, at the age of 89. His deep devotion to higher education and to the well-being of everyone around him, particularly his students, leaves a legacy that will live on for generations in the lives he touched.

A native of McCroy, Arkansas, Dr. Davis graduated magna cum laude in 1937 from Arkansas AM&N in Pine Bluff. He went on to receive a master's degree in English from the University of Kansas and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Davis spent most of his career at Arkansas AM&N, where he served as an English professor, registrar, dean, and assistant to the president. In 1943, at age 29, Dr. Davis became president of AM&N, making him the youngest college president in the Nation. Thirty years later, he oversaw the merger of Arkansas AM&N with the University of Arkansas education system, creating the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and became the school's first chancellor. His son, Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, Jr., has followed in his father's footsteps and serves as the current UAPB chancellor.

Under Dr. Davis' leadership, the institution experienced substantial growth in enrollment, academic programs, faculty, and expansion of the physical campus. Believing that every person has the right to receive a college education, Dr. Davis inspired and helped countless students who had limited resources to complete their degrees and go on to accomplish great things.

Serving his community and improving the lives of others were life-long commitments of this compassionate and diligent leader. Dr. Davis was a member of numerous community and university committees.

My thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Davis' family, friends, and colleagues, to whom I extend my deepest and sincere sympathies. May his legacy endure in the many lives that he touched and inspired.

THE FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, the Forest Legacy Program preserves working forests and protects critical forest resources. Since its inception, the Forest Legacy program has protected 360,000 acres of forested land, while helping to preserve the working forest economies of many States, including Maine.

The FY05 Interior Appropriations bill before the House today drastically cuts this program. The \$43 million in the bill for forest conservation projects is \$26 million (38 percent) less than last year's level; \$57 million less than the President requested in his budget; \$107 million (71 percent) less than sought by 92 House Members in a letter to the Interior appropriations committee that I led with Representatives BASS and MARSHALL; and a whopping \$193 million below the level of projects proposed by States.

The bill eliminates 10 projects recommended by the President, cuts funding—by as much as 75 percent—for 37 projects in 30 States and territories, and eliminates funds for 6 new States to join the program.

The Forest Legacy Program has strong support from the Administration, which proposed more than a 40-percent increase in this year's budget.

The Forest Legacy Program provides multiple public benefits. The program enables landowners to retain ownership of their land and continue to earn income from it; conserves open space, scenic lands, wildlife habitat, and clean water; and ensures continued opportunities for outdoor recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, and hiking.

Given its record of assisting private landowners, leveraging non-federal funds and ensuring long-term conservation benefits, the Forest Legacy Program is a successful example of a public-private, non-regulatory partnership approach to land conservation. For limited dollars, the program brings multiple public benefits.

We should not be cutting this program.

ENERGY POLICY

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 2004

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we develop a clear plan to lower our fuel prices and reduce our dangerous dependence on foreign oil, which decreases our security and weakens our economy.